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Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff Regarding The South Carolina Re:

Dual Party Relay Program Docket No. 2016-248-C

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of the South Carolina Telephone Coalition (the "Coalition"), please find a Petition to Intervene in the above-referenced docket. By copy of this letter and Certificate of Service all parties of record will receive a copy of this Petition to Intervene via the U. S. Postal Service.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Docket No. 2016-248-C

Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff Regarding)	
The South Carolina Dual Party Relay Program)	PETITION TO INTERVENE
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The South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC"), on behalf of its individual member companies, respectfully submits the within Petition to Intervene in the above-referenced docket. In support of this Petition, SCTC would respectfully show unto this honorable Commission:

- 1. SCTC is a coalition of incumbent local exchange telephone companies organized and doing business under the laws of the State of South Carolina. SCTC's members are telephone companies or telephone cooperatives subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission. A list of companies on whose behalf the SCTC is intervening in this matter is attached hereto as "Exhibit A."
- 2. SCTC seeks to intervene in this proceeding with full rights to participate as a party of record in so far as its interests might appear.
- 3. On June 17, 2016, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") filed a petition (the "Petition") requesting approval to take certain actions relating to the South Carolina Dual Party Relay Program.
- 4. As participants in funding the Dual Party Relay program, SCTC's member companies and the customers they serve will be impacted by any changes made to

the South Carolina Dual Party Relay Program. SCTC, therefore, has a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding and will be affected by its outcome. SCTC believes its participation in this proceeding will aid the Commission in a full and fair consideration and resolution of the request. SCTC's position in this docket is that it supports the relief requested by ORS in its Petition.

5. Correspondence and communications to SCTC with respect to this proceeding should be directed to the undersigned counsel.

WHEREFORE, the South Carolina Telephone Coalition respectfully requests that this honorable Commission permit its intervention in this proceeding as its interests might appear.

Respectfully submitted,

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Columbia, South Carolina

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South Carolina Telephone Coalition Member Companies

Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc.

Chesnee Telephone Company

Chester Telephone Company d/b/a TruVista

Comporium, Inc. (f/k/a Rock Hill Telephone Company)

Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Ft. Mill Telephone Company d/b/a Comporium

Hargray Telephone Company, Inc.

Home Telephone ILEC, LLC d/b/a Home Telecom

Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Lancaster Telephone Company d/b/a Comporium

Lockhart Telephone Company d/b/a TruVista

McClellanville Telephone Company (TDS)

Norway Telephone Company (TDS)

Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

PBT Telecom d/b/a Comporium

Ridgeway Telephone Company d/b/a TruVista

Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

St. Stephen Telephone Company (TDS)

West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Williston Telephone Company (TDS)

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA DOCKET NO. 2016-248-C

IN RE:)	
Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff)	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
Regarding the South Carolina Dual)	
Party Relay Program)	
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This is to certify that I, Kathy H. Handrock, have this date served one (1) copy of the Petition to Intervene of the South Carolina Telephone Coalition in the above-referenced matter to the person(s) named below by causing said copy to be deposited in the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid and affixed thereto, and addressed as shown below:

Jeffrey M. Nelson, Esq. Office of Regulatory Staff 1401 Main Street, Suite 900 Columbia, SC 29201

Kathy H. Handrock

August 8, 2016 Columbia SC